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SUBJECT: COUNTRY FINANCED SERVICES--USGS SURVEY TEAM

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1. USGS TEAM HEADED BY DR. THOR KIILSGAARD HAS COMPLETED SURVEY PORTION OF THEIR AID FINANCED PROJECT TO STUDY USGS REIMBURSABLE PROJECT FOR SUDAN. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IMPRESSED BY THOROUGHNESS AND COMPETENCE OF TEAM MEMBERS AND BELIEVES SUFFICIENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO DESIGN SEVERAL WORTHWHILE PROJECTS.

2. MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING: DIRECTOR KIILSGAARD PRESENTED DRAFT MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (GMRD) AND USGS. PURPOSE OF THIS MOU IS TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR USGS OPERATIONS IN SUDAN. KIILSGAARD IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GMRD DIRECTOR, YOUSIF SULIMAN, FOUND NO SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED LANGUAGE. EMBASSY NOTED AMBIGUITY IN MOU CONCERNING SOURCES OF FINANCING. THEREFORE, ECON OFFICER AGAIN DISCUSSED FINANCING WITH SULIMAN AND HE AGREED TO CHANGE LANGUAGE IN FINAL PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 1 AS FOLLOWS: "THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM WILL DEPEND ON FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM NON-U.S. GOVERNMENT
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SOURCE AND MANPOWER RESOURCES OF GMRD AND USGS."

3. FOLLOWING KIILSGAARD'S FINAL MEETING WITH SULIMAN, WE BELIEVE THAT SULIMAN FULLY AWARE OF NECESSITY FOR NON-USG FINANCING. HE INDICATED TO ECONOFF THAT HE IS SEEKING SEPARATE LINE ITEM IN HIS BUDGET FOR FY 77/78 FOR USGS PROGRAM. HE HOPED THAT USGS COSTS WOULD BE CLOSE TO WHAT HE HAS

ESTIMATED FOR HIS BUDGET.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE THAT FINANCING OF MOU WILL BE FACILITATED BY EARLY AVAILABILITY OF COST DATA FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS WHICH ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. SINCE BASE MAPPING PROJECT APPEARS TO BE CAPABLE OF SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION AND RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COST ESTIMATES FOR THIS PROJECT IN NEAR FUTURE. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR ARE IN FULLSWING AND TIMELY COSTING WILL ASSIST SULIMAN IN DEFENDING HIS BUDGET.
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